

February 11, 1981

LB 110, 234A

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 234 A offered by Senator Maresh. (Read title).

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the A bill, 234A, vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance 234A, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, 110.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 110 is offered by Senator Don Wagner. (Read title). The bill was read on January 12. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner, (microphone not on)... the bill.

SENATOR WAGNER: I think Senator Beutler.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner, do you want to explain the bill and then I think Senator Beutler has an amendment.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, the bill basically the only thing it really does is strike some language in there that takes out the piece that prohibits an NRD district from building a headquarters building or administration building. If you go back to the NRD law, it was started back in about 1968-'69, and the bill then at that time was 1357 and the purpose of the bill was to consolidate the various SWCDs, advisory groups. There was approximately 500 of them. It really brought into a consolidation a number of these units like this and then we came up with 24 NRD districts. Some of the senators here were here at that time and going back to the testimony, it was a pretty lengthy debate, there was a lot of work that was put in on it. Senator Kremer was here. Senator Warner, and many of the others, Senator Carsten and so forth. But as the bill passed across from committee hearings and came here on the floor there was considerable debate upon it, and in the last moments of that bill's passage there was a concern about NRDs and building maybe, so to speak, castles. The amendment was put in there to eliminate anything like this. Since that time there has been approximately ten years that have passed. The NRDs are